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First Named Inventor	Leverenz
Art Unit	1775
Examiner Name	A. A. Turner
Attorney Docket Number	TAM-1629DIV2

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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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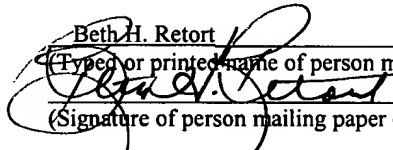
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**Response to Office Action**

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In response to the final Office Action dated June 9, 2004, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination with the following amendments and remarks for further examination of the above-identified application: ("subject application"):

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7.